Docket No.

215231US2RD

IN THE UNITED TO PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yuuzo KAMIGUCHI, et al.

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

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SIR:

| it is hereby requested that a "one month extension of time be granted to March 20, 2004 for | |
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| | filing a response to the Official Action dated: November 26, 2003 |
| | responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated: |
| | filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed. |
| | responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated: |
| | filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due has been filed. |
| | filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on: |
| | Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half. |
| The required fee of \$110.00 is enclosed herewith by check and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. <u>15-0030</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. | |

Respectfully Submitted,

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